

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1-21. (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended) A carpet comprising a carpet pile comprising an aliphatic polyester multifilament crimped yarn obtained by drawing a non-drawn yarn comprising a polylactic acid via two-step drawing process, in which the yarn is drawn to 1.01-3 times in the first step and to 1.01-3 times in the second step, with a drawing scale of 1.02-9 times in total, and crimping a multifilament fiber comprising said drawn yarn with a crimp-providing apparatus that utilizes heated air,

the multifilament crimped yarn having a melting point of equal to or higher than 130°C, a crimp elongation rate of $[[3]]\underline{5.2}$ -35% after being processed with boiling water, a boiling water shrinkage of not higher than 10%, and a breaking strength of $[[1]]\underline{1.4}$ -5 cN/decitex.

23. (Original) A carpet according to claim 22, wherein said carpet is a tufting carpet comprising at least a face yarn of pile fiber and a base cloth in which the face yarn is tufted.

24. (Previously Presented) The carpet according to claim 23, wherein an aliphatic polyester is employed for at least a part of said base cloth.

25-29. (Cancelled).

30. (New) The carpet according to claim 22, wherein the aliphatic polyester has a refractive index of 1.5 or less.

31. (New) The carpet according to claim 22, wherein the aliphatic polyester has a refractive index of 1.45 or less.